Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* We are doing it. But it depends upon the belief of the patient. Some may prefer quinine to these pills.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* How is the work done in Malakkippara?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think a grant of Rs. 500 is paid.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* In Nelliampathies.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is answered here.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know the machinery by which you do this.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Through the Public Health Department. A supervisor and coolies are appointed. The same work as is being done in Chittur.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Is the amount spent in the Nelliampathies the same every year?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* In view of the increased cost of quinine, a proportionate increase in the allotment may be effected.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not think there is any dearth of money now. Because we have made provisions for 6 coolies and one supervisor and we are supplying them with Pyrothram extract.

RECRUITMENT OF DISTRICT JUDGES, ETC.

135. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of direct recruitments to the post of District Judges and additional District Judges during the last 5 years;

(*b*) what is the number of promotions from the Judiciary to the posts in (*a*) during the period in (*a*)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 1.

(*b*) 4.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know who is the gentleman referred to in the answer to sub-division (a).

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu.

PRACTICE OF OBTAINING FEES FOR AFFIDAVITS

136. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state whether Government are aware of the practice of taking 4 annas for every affidavit certified by Head clerks, etc., if so, will Government stop the practice?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Government are not aware of such a practice.

COMMUNAL REPRESENTATION

137. Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the first leader published in the "Sahodaran" Newspaper in its issue, dated the 8th May 1943, in which it has been proved by quoting figures as given in Appendix VI of Cochin Administration Report of 1117, that Ezhuvas and Muslims have got only nominal representation in the higher grades of Government Service;

(*b*) what steps Government propose to take in order to remove the inequality of representation referred to above?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The inequalities pointed out are not such as could be remedied all on a sudden.

Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Is it not a fact that even now appointments in the higher grade go to over-represented communities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That is a difficult question to answer. If any particular appointment is mentioned then I may be able to answer.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether efficiency is not taken as a serious test?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

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